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SUBJECT: HUSAK INTERVIEW IN PRAVDA ON BREZHNEV VISIT
TO PRAGUE

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1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED. SOVIET PRESS BUILDUP FOR BREZHNEV
VISIT TO PRAGUE IS EXTENSIVE, BASED ALMOST ENTIRELY ON
SEEMINGLY BREATHLESS CZECHOSLOVAK ENTHUSIASM OVER LEONID
IL'ICH'S FORTHCOMING ARRIVAL. PRAVDA OF MAY 25 CARRIES
INTERVIEW WITH HUSAK ON THIS VISIT IN WHICH THE CZECHO-
SLOVAK LEADER SPEAKS OF THE "ENORMOUS JOY" FELT IN HIS
COUNTRY OVER THE VISIT OF BREZHNEV, "THE GREAT FRIEND"
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OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA. THE INTERVIEW CONTAINS LITTLE OF
SUBSTANCE, BUT HUSAK DOES NOTE THAT SUCH VISITS, INTER
ALIA, HELP IDENTIFY THOSE AREAS "WHERE IT IS NECESSARY, I
WOULD SAY, 'TO PUT PRESSURE,' IN ORDER THAT THINGS GO
BETTER." HE THEN SAYS VISITS HELP IMPROVE COOPERATION AND
FOLLOWS THIS BY CITING AN EXAMPLE: EFFORTS BY THE USSR,
CZECHOSLOVAKIA, AND OTHER EASTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES TO

PLAN "ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE PERIOD AFTER
1980." END UNCLASSIFIED.

2. ON PLANNING FOR VISIT, FRG EMBASSY SOURCE INFORMS
US THAT VISIT HAD ORIGINALLY BEEN SCHEDULED FOR MAY 15
AND THAT ALL THE PAPERS HAD BEEN PREPARED FOR A MEETING
AT THAT TIME. FOLLOWING HIS RETURN FROM THE FRG,
HOWEVER, BREZHNEV DECIDED THAT HE WAS TOO TIRED FOR
ANOTHER VISIT RIGHT AWAY AND THE DATE WAS RESET
FOR THE END OF MAY. MATLOCK

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